(b) whether any explanation has been sought from State Government of Uttar Pradesh in this regard; and

(c) the steps to be taken by Government to sort out this problem?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ) (a) As per the information available with the Union Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Uttar Pradesh has not discontinued the supply of water to the Bihar State.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of multi-purpose Polavaram Project on the River of Godavari

3326. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is constructing Multi-purpose Polavaram Project on the river Godavari which will submerge large part of Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the CWC has approved the above project; and

(c) whether Central Government has taken the Government of Orissa in confidence for above project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh proposed to construct Indira Sagar (Polavaram) project on the river Godavari in accordance with the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal (GWDT) Award 1980. As per the Project Report prepared by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the project is likely to submerge about 1200 hectare in Orissa.

(b) the Project Report received in Central Water Commission during October to December, 2005 is under techno-economic appraisal.

(c) and (d) The inter-State agreements dated 15.12.1978 and 2.4.1980 among the basin States regarding construction of Polavaram Project, which form part of the GWDT Award, stipulate that the maximum submergence in the territory of Orissa at Motu/Konta does not exceed 150 feet due to all effects including backwater effect. The Central

Government is facilitating the States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa to resolve the issue of submergence as per the provisions contained in the GWDT Award.

Implementation of rain water harvesting scheme

3327. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to implement and making rain water harvesting scheme compulsory in farm sector for every land holding farmer in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assistance would be provided by Government for the purpsose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN-SOZ) (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu

3328. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Central Government for assistance for implementation of irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the response of the Central Government thereto and the assistance likely to be released to the State Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Union Government has not received request for assistance for implementing major/medium irrigation project from the Government of Tamil Nadu. However, under the Pilot Scheme "National Project for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies directly linked to Agriculture", two district project namely Sivgangai and Villupuram were approved in 2004-05 and Central share of Rs. 3.97 crore has been released during 2005-06 to the Government of Tamil Nadu. The balance amount of the Central share will be released to the State Government